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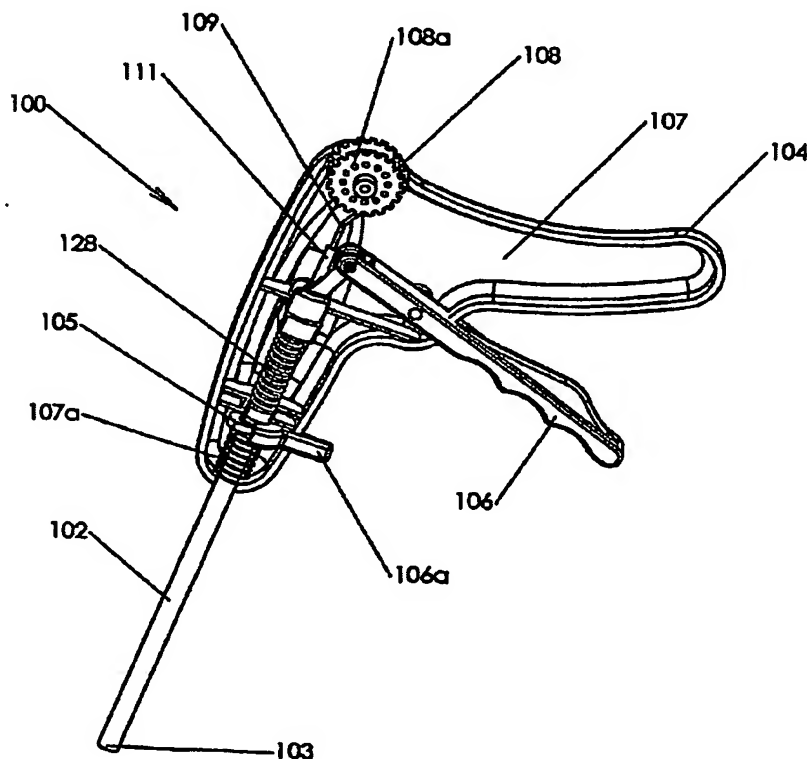
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(54) Title: **SURGICAL FASTENERS AND DEVICES FOR SURGICAL FASTENING**



(57) Abstract: A surgical fastening device (100) for pinning a surgical filament to a body tissue. The device includes a grasping handle (107) and a slender shaft (102) extending from the grasping handle. A compartment (106) contains one or more surgical fasteners. An ejecting mechanism is used to eject a surgical fastener from a compartment containing one or more surgical fasteners. The device also includes a filament dispensing system (108) that dispenses surgical filament (109) along the shaft so that a fastener grasps the filament when being ejected from the shaft. The invention also provides surgical fasteners and surgical filaments for use in the device.

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